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On 13th February 1929 the Government authorized the Director of Public Health to utilize the services of Presidents of Village Panchayats and schoolmasters for the work of distribution.

(b) & (c) A statement[a] showing the information as far as is available is laid on the table.

(ii) (a) No; as the taluk has not been included in the scheme of free distribution.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is no such proposal under contemplation. The question whether the free distribution should be extended to other areas will be re-examined in connexion with the budget for 1930-31.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to clause (c) of my question, the answer is 'the question whether the free distribution should be extended to other areas will be re-examined in connexion with the budget for 1930-31. May I enquire whether this figure is correct or is it a mistake for 1929-30?

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The figure is correct."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The budget for 1929-30 is already in our hands. So the question does not arise."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know why in the distribution of this free quinine, special treatment or favouritism seems to have been shown only to missionaries as appears from the list?" to

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Probably these gentlemen come forward saying that they will go about and distribute. If other gentlemen come forward their request will also be considered." 11-30 a.m.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" What surplus provision has been made for 1929-30?

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a matter which is available for the hon. Member. The budget for 1929-30 is in his hands."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" It does not disclose details."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, if the policy of the Government regarding quinine distribution has undergone a change?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am not able to see where the hon. Member got his information from."

Steps for the treatment of tuberculosis.

*1504 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what steps have been taken in the year 1928 and are proposed to be taken in 1929 for the treatment of tuberculosis either by the establishment of a Government institute or by aiding private institutions?

A.—The Government already maintain a Tuberculosis institute and a Tuberculosis hospital at Madras. It has been decided to construct on the Spur Tank a comprehensive building for a Tuberculosis hospital at an estimated cost of Rs. 6·96 lakhs and the work is about to be started.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 176-177 infra.

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The Government have been making annual grants of Rs. 37,500 and Rs. 3,000 towards the maintenance of the Tuberculosis sanatoria at Madanapalle and Rajahmundry. A grant of Rs. 7,300 is provided in the current year's budget and a grant of Rs. 25,000 is to be provided for the next year towards the cost of constructing certain buildings in the Tuberculosis sanatorium at Madanapalle. Dr. Muthu has also applied for grants towards the cost of constructing buildings and purchasing equipment in connexion with the establishment of a Tuberculosis sanatorium at Tambaram and his application is under consideration.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, whether the proposal to construct a Tuberculosis hospital on the Spur Tank is abandoned or will be abandoned?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"It has not been abandoned."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Minister is aware that the Corporation passed a unanimous resolution protesting against the construction of a hospital on that site?

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I know what has happened to that?

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The matter is being looked into."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Does the Government propose to go on with the work while the consideration is going on or suspend the work?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The work has been suspended two weeks ago and until the final decision is come to it would not be proceeded with."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of Dr. Muthu's hospital at Tambaram, does the Government think it necessary to have a hospital in Spur Tank?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"So far as my information goes Dr. Muthu's hospital does not supply the need for which this hospital is intended. His is a small sanatorium at Tambaram. Even if it is a hospital it does not supply the need for which we want a hospital."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government have already granted the amount asked for by Dr. Muthu?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"No."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether the hospitals at Madanapalle and Rajahmundry are managed by missionaries?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know whether, when an Indian gentleman of the reputation of Dr. Muthu has applied for a grant, Government have made any liberal grants?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I do not see the connexion between Madanapalle and Rajahmundry and Dr. Muthu's hospital."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"What does the Government propose to do in the matter?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The application has been made; it has to be examined and then the Government will come to a decision."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"What is the principle that governs the action of the Government in making these grants to private institutions where patients are made to pay exhorbitant rates of fees to the persons who run the institutes?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The hon. Member, I believe, is aware that those fees that are levied do not cover the cost necessary for running the hospitals."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Are the Government auditing the expenditure and accounts of these institutions before making these contributions?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Yes, in the case of Madanapalle it is so; as regards the rest I want notice."

Water-supply

Improvement of the water-works at Yemmiganur, Adoni taluk.

* 1505 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the sum given by the late Mr. Muhammad Beig for improving the water-works at Yemmiganur, Adoni taluk;

(b) the sums allotted respectively by the Taluk Board of Adoni, Union Board of Yemmiganur, and the District Board, Bellary, towards the said work;

(c) the grant made by the Government;

(d) the dates from which the above amounts were made available for the work;

(e) the materials so far collected for the work together with the date of their supply and value;

(f) any other progress made in the work and its value;

(g) the value of the work yet to be done; and

(h) the reasons for the slow progress, if any, and the probable date of its completion?

A.—(a) Rupees 10,000.

		RS.
(b)	Adoni Taluk Board	2,000
	Yemmiganur Union Board	2,000
	Bellary District Board	4,175

(c) A grant of Rs. 18,715 was promised but no grant has been disbursed.

(d) The grant and the contributions referred to above were promised on the basis of the original estimate. It has since been reported to amount to Rs. 14,070 only. The President, District Board, Bellary, has reported that the cost of the scheme according to the revised estimate will be met from the donation and from the contribution made by the Adoni Taluk Board and the Yemmiganur Union Board. The donation of Rupees 10,000 is reported to have been already credited to the